WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A method to be performed in a computer system having stored

2   therein an electronic document that is associated with another electronic

3   document, the method comprising:

4   displaying a view of a selected electronic document on a graphical user

5   interface; and

6   displaying on the graphical user interface, while displaying the view of the

7   selected electronic document, a user-selectable command that causes a view of

8   at least one other electronic document that is associated with the selected

9   electronic document to be displayed on the graphical user interface.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the user-selectable command is

2   displayed in response to a user selecting an input control in a toolbar of the

3   graphical user interface.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the selected electronic document is

2   associated with each of a plurality of other electronic documents, and wherein

3   the method further comprises displaying on the graphical user interface a

4   plurality of user-selectable commands for displaying views of the plurality of other

5   electronic documents.

1   4.   The method of claim 3, wherein associations between the selected

2   electronic document and each of the plurality of other electronic documents

3   belong to any of a plurality of association categories.

1   5.   The method of claim 4, wherein the method further comprises

2   grouping the plurality of user-selectable links according to the plurality of

3   association categories.

1   6.   The method of claim 4, wherein the selected electronic document

2   and the plurality of other electronic documents form a hierarchy.

1   7.   The method of claim 6, wherein one of the association categories

2   provides navigation upward in the hierarchy.

1   8.   The method of claim 6, wherein one of the association categories

2   provides navigation downward in the hierarchy.

1   9.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   receiving a predetermined input upon a user selecting the user-selectable

3   command; and

4   in response to receiving the predetermined input, displaying on the

5   graphical user interface the view of the at least one other electronic document.

1   10.   The method of claim 9, further comprising ceasing to display the

2   view of the selected electronic document upon displaying the at least one other

3   electronic document.

1   11.   The method of claim 9, further comprising displaying another user-

2   selectable command on the graphical user interface that causes the view of the

3   selected electronic document to be displayed on the graphical user interface.

1   12.   A computer program product tangibly embodied in an information

2   carrier, the computer program product including instructions that, when executed,

3   cause a processor to perform instructions comprising:

4   display a view of a selected electronic document on a graphical user

5   interface; and

6   display on the graphical user interface, while displaying the view of the

7   selected electronic document, a user-selectable command that causes a view of

8   at least one other electronic document that is associated with the selected

9   electronic document to be displayed on the graphical user interface.

1   13.   The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the operations

2   further comprise:

3   receive a predetermined input upon a user selecting the user-selectable

4   command; and

5   in response to receiving the predetermined input, display on the graphical

6   user interface the at least one other electronic document.

1   14.   A computer program product tangibly embodied in an information

2   carrier, the computer program product including instructions that, when executed,

3   generate on a display device a graphical user interface for user navigation

4   between electronic documents that are associated with each other, the graphical

5   user interface comprising:

6   a document display area wherein a view of a selected electronic document

7   can be displayed; and

8   a user-selectable command that causes, while the view of the selected

9   electronic document is being displayed, a view of at least one other electronic

10   document that is associated with the selected electronic document to be

11   displayed in the document display area.

1   15.   The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the graphical

2   user interface further includes a toolbar with an input control, wherein the user-

3   selectable command appears in a menu that is displayed on the graphical user

4   interface upon user selection of the input control.

1   16.   The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the selected

2   electronic document is associated with each of a plurality of other electronic

3   documents, and wherein the graphical user interface includes a plurality of user-

4   selectable commands for displaying views of the plurality of other electronic

5   documents.

1   17.   The computer program product of claim 16, wherein associations

2   between the selected electronic document and each of the plurality of other

3   electronic documents belong to any of a plurality of association categories, and

4   wherein the plurality of user-selectable commands is grouped according to the

5   plurality of association categories.

1   18.   The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the selected

2   electronic document and the plurality of other electronic documents form a

3   hierarchy.

1   19.   The computer program product of claim 18, wherein one of the

2 association categories provides navigation upward in the hierarchy.

1   20.   The computer program product of claim 18, wherein one of the

2 association categories provides navigation downward in the hierarchy.